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Malaysia

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Malaysia due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[60] (3) 2168-5000; US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, 376 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; KLACS@state.gov; <https://my.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

60

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 999; Fire: 994; Police: 999

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northeast (October to February) monsoons

Currency (Code)

Ringgits (MYR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Major Languages

Bahasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai; note: Malaysia has 134 living languages

Religions

Muslim 61.3%, Buddhist 19.8%, Christian 9.2%, Hindu 6.3%, Confucianism, Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions 1.3%

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

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| Potable Water | Opt for bottled water. |
| International Driving Permit | Suggested |
| Road Driving Side | Left |
| Tourist destinations | Kuala Lumpur (includes Petronas Towers, Bukit Bintang, National Museum); North Borneo Railway; Semenggoh Nature Reserve; Batu Caves; Kek Lok Si Temple; Malacca City; Manukan Island; Lenggong Valley; Sarawak Cultural Village |
| Major Sports | Soccer, badminton, tenpin bowling, field hockey, tennis |
| Cultural Practices | Nod or give a slight bow when greeting a women or an older person. Introduce high-ranking people and older people first. |
| Tipping Guidelines | Malaysia has a non-tipping culture. You are welcome to leave change in a tip jar, but you are not expected to tip. |

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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